

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/804,311	ZHANG ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sherali Ishrat	2624	

All Participants:

(1) Sherali Ishrat.

(2) Ms. Katrina Lyon.

Status of Application: _____

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Date of Interview: 21 December 2006

Time: 1:00 P.M

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:
NA

Claims discussed:
1-35

Prior art documents discussed:
Prior art of record.

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 ISHRAT SHERALI
 PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner informed Applicant's Attorney that based on the oral election of Species I (corresponding claims 1-24 and 30-35) on 12/20/06, examiner has searched prior art to establish patentability of claims 1-24 and 30-35. Examiner has determined that claims 1-24 and 30-35 are allowable over prior art of record because prior art of record such as Eric Saund (IDS) discloses process of outputting whiteboard content comprising: inputting sequence of frames of content written on whiteboard/document, dividing each image frame into cells of cell images and determining if there is change in the cell image compared to corresponding cell immediately preceding frame however the closest prior art does not disclose or suggest "whenever it is determined that there is a color change, setting a cell age to prescribed minimum value and if there is no change increasing cell age by a prescribed increment value, determining if cell age is greater than a specified threshold value, whenever the cell age is not greater than the threshold value, not processing cell any further; if cell age is greater than the threshold value computing the background color of the cell and updating whiteboard/ document color model; and classifying each cell image as a foreground or whiteboard/document cell using whiteboard/document color model". Furthermore Examiner informed Applicant's Attorney that in order to place the application in condition for allowance Applicant needs to cancel non-elected claims 25-29. Applicant's attorney agreed to cancel non-elected claims 25-29 by an examiner's amendment to expedite the prosecution of the instant application.